MELINDA HAAG (CABN 132612) 1 United States Attorney 2 THOMAS MOORE (ALBN 4305-O78T) 3 Chief, Tax Division MICHAEL G. PITMAN (DCBN 484164) Assistant United States Attorney, Tax Division 150 Almaden Boulevard, Suite 900 5 San Jose, CA 95113 Telephone: (408) 535-5040 (408) 535-5081 Facsimile: Email: michael.pitman@usdoj.gov 8 Attorneys for the United States of America 9 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 12 13 In re: Case No: 15-30456 14 JESPER LUNDBAEK and Chapter 13 RONDA GAE LUNDBAEK. 15 Honorable Dennis Montali Debtors. 16 UNITED STATES' OBJECTION TO 17 **DEBTORS' PLAN** 18 19 The United States of America, on behalf of its agency, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), by 20 and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby objects to Debtors Jesper and Ronda Gae Lundbaek's 21 ("Debtors") "Chapter 13 Plan," filed on April 13, 2015 (Doc. # 2) (the "Plan"), as follows: 22 Debtors filed the current Chapter 13 action on April 13, 2015. The IRS has filed a proof of claim 23 in the amount of \$156,984.65 (\$60,970.30 secured, \$50,020.84 priority, and \$45,993.51 unsecured). 24 The proof of claim is based on income taxes assessed for 2005-2010, and estimated income tax and 25 employment taxes for 2011-2015. 26 27 28

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The Plan is objectionable for several reasons:

- 1. Debtors failed to file a Form 1040, Individual Income Tax Returns, for 2014. The filing of such returns should be a prerequisite for any relief.
- 2. The Plan significantly undervalues the IRS's priority claim, estimating it at \$12,372.33 when in fact it is \$50,020.84. The Plan also improperly completely omits the IRS's priority claim. Debtors have made no effort to acknowledge or disputed the IRS's claim. Thus, the Plan does not genuinely provide for full payment of the IRS's secured claim, or interest. *See* 11 U.S.C. §§ 1325(a)(5), 506(b) & 511(b).
- 3. When the IRS's claim is taken into account, Debtors' unsecured debts exceed the limits specified in 11 U.S.C. § 109(e).

In sum, the Plan contains several errors, it does not properly provide for the IRS's claims, and this case should be converted or dismissed in the absence of a viable plan. In any event, the United States respectfully requests that the Court deny confirmation of the Plan.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of May, 2015,

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